

## Groces Return To Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (BP) — Nine months after the last Southern Baptist missionaries left Ethiopia because of unsettled political conditions, a Southern Baptist agriculturist and his wife have returned to resume their work.

V. Lynn and Suzanne Groce, one of the last missionary couples to leave Ethiopia in June 1977, were the first to return as stability increased in Addis Ababa, the capital city. Another Southern Baptist couple is expected to join them in April.

While waiting in Kenya for conditions in Ethiopia to become more favorable, Groce has served as administrator and treasurer for the Ethiopian Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). An Ethiopian was in charge of the mission affairs in Ethiopia. The Groces reported the mission properties were in good shape when they returned March 24.

## Missionary Still Serious After Wreck

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP) — Ruth (Mrs. Jack G.) Partain, Southern Baptist missionary to Tanzania, remains in serious condition after being transferred to Nairobi (Kenya) Hospital March 28.

The Partains and another missionary, Marilyn (Mrs. Tom W.) McMillan, were involved in a car-truck collision in Kibaha, Tanzania, March 23 in an early morning rainstorm. Mrs. Partain and Mrs. McMillan were both admitted to the Muhimbili Hospital in Dar Es Salaam. Still semiconscious and suffering from a brain contusion and a broken nose and right arm, Mrs. Partain was moved to Nairobi Hospital for continued medical care.

Mrs. McMillan went home to Arusha, Tanzania from Kilimanjaro Hospital in Moshi, Tanzania. She was transferred there March 24. Suffering from a fragmented hip socket and fractured left arm, she is to be in traction for six to eight weeks. Partain, who was driving, suffered only minor injuries and was not hospitalized.

**“Quoted”**

**Small Seminaries.** — Each local church should become a small seminary with its pastor as chief teacher and dean, a Quaker philosopher and author suggested. Elton Trueblood, founder-president of Yokefellows International, said that “as Christian colleges decay,” churches need to step in and give their people “a rational explanation of a living faith.” Speaking to more than 250 clergy at a meeting of the Minneapolis Ministerial Association, Trueblood told of a United Methodist church in Fort Smith, Ark., that has begun classes in Greek so its members can read the New Testament in its original language.

## Brotherhood Names Ten To Plains

Ten Mississippi college and university students have been appointed to a special student summer missions program administered by the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department.

The ten will serve ten week terms of mission service (June 4-Aug. 11) in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention, primarily in Montana. Specific places of service have not yet been determined.

The students, their schools, and hometowns are as follows:

Dianne Barnes, Clarke College, Forest; Melissa Burnley, Clarke, Marion; Mary Greene, Clarke, New Haven; Cynthia Hammack, Mississippi College, Natchez; David Howell, Delta State, Clarksdale.

Linda Gale Jones, Northwest Mississippi Junior College, Lambert; Ike May, MC, Brandon; Robin Polk, Clarke, Prentiss; Rick Sieger, William Carey College, Hattiesburg; and Bryon Smith, Jones County Junior College, Laurel.

These ten are in addition to the 58 college students appointed through the state Baptist Student Union who will also serve as student summer missionaries. Their photos are on p. 5.

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## Nine Years Without

# Mississippi Baptists Reopen Gulfshore Assembly May 5

Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian will reopen May 5 with dedication services led by Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The assembly buildings have been completely rebuilt following Hurricane Camille, which destroyed all but one of the original buildings in 1969, and a fire that completed the destruction of the remaining building in September of 1976.

James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will be the dedicatory speaker for the occasion. Sullivan, a Mississippi native, also spoke at the dedication of the original Gulfshore assembly.

Sullivan is also immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He will address those gathered for the dedication service in the new auditorium, which was built on the site of the old gymnasium that burned.

Other features of the dedication service include presentations by the Churchmen Handbells and special music by the Singing Churchmen.

The modern Gulfshore is made up of

two gleaming white buildings rising from the golden sand beside Bay St. Louis. The main building houses the offices, the kitchen and dining area, the infirmary, the equipment room, classrooms, and living accommodations. There are sleeping facilities for 344, and about 160 can eat at one time. The auditorium will seat at least 600 or perhaps more according to the arrangement of the chairs. There are also classrooms in the auditorium building.

Space is still available in many of the summer conferences at Gulfshore. Call Frank Simmons, manager for information at 452-7261. This is a new phone number.

The swimming pool is being rebuilt, and a pier has been built into the bay. The beach will be enlarged, and new landscaping will be added.

Frank Simmons, the manager, has his staff at work getting everything



The main building at Gulfshore taken from the pier which juts out into Bay St. Louis. The pier can be used for fishing or soaking up the sun, and several boat slips are available.

## Two Consecutive Months Show Record CP Gifts

For the first time in history, receipts through the Cooperative Program from Mississippi Baptist churches have gone above \$800,000.

Total gifts from the churches for March were \$817,817, according to an announcement by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. This was the second month in a row for a new record in Cooperative Program giving for Mississippi churches. Total gifts in February were \$797,367, which bested the previous record established in August of 1977 of \$783,831.

The March gifts were \$126,780 above those of the same month of last year for an increase of 18.4 percent. Total gifts for the year to date have amounted to \$2,281,914. This brings the total for the year to \$122,913 more than the prorated budget for three months. It is an increase for the year of \$51,952, or 18.2 percent.

Thus far this year every month has shown an increase over the same month of last year. The January increase was 20.1 percent, and the increase for February was 16.6 percent.

The total budget for 1978 through the

Cooperative Program in Mississippi is \$8,636,000, which is \$707,994 more than the total income for 1977, or an increase of 8.9 percent.

Kelly pointed out that records are fleeting things and depend to a great extent on the calendar and having enough time after the final Sunday of a month for the mail to reach the treasurer's office. "For two months in succession, however, we have had record gifts; and this speaks of the loyalty of Mississippi Baptists to the cause of world missions," he declared.

ready for the opening. Freddie Cook, who was formerly on the maintenance staff at the Baptist Building in Jackson, is maintenance supervisor at Gulfshore; and Paula Polk is the secretary.

The first conference to meet in the new facilities will be in session during the opening. It will be the organization meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Conference on May 5 and 6. The first conference of the regular summer schedule will be a senior adult convention May 22 to 24.

Gulfshore Assembly scheduling arrangements have been made to utilize all seven days of the week in conferences in order to accommodate more registrants, according to an announcement by Chester Vaughn, program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

While Sundays will be used for conferences when they fall within a conference period, Vaughn indicated, a conference will not open or close on a Sunday so that there will be no necessity for traveling on Sundays. The single exception to this arrangement is a couples communication workshop that will begin registration at 3 p.m. on July 2 and begin the conference with supper that day. It is to be sponsored by the Christian Action Commission rather than the Convention Board.

The first conference of the regular summer schedule will be a senior adult convention May 22 to 24. Then will follow seven youth conferences, each of them four days in length. For each of the registering of participants will begin at 1:30 p.m., and the conference will begin with supper. The conferences

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## Easter In Israel Brings Foretaste Of True Peace

By Ruth Fowler

For most of the more than 3,500 million people in Israel, Easter was just another working day. Both Muslims and Jews celebrate a different day of worship. But for Baptists in this troubled part of the world, the season has special meaning.

Ibrahim Sim'am is a Baptist pastor working with permission of the Israeli government helping Lebanese refugees along the border.

In the past few years he has seen much death, but also, he says, much life. As his family left for a Good Friday service, he recalled a child born just minutes after he had taken the mother to the hospital. For him, new life, is possible even amid the death of recent weeks. And through Christ he sees the hope of new life for the Middle East. "A new resurrection is possible," Sim'am says, "a lasting peace."

In Nazareth, the wife of Baptist deacon George Laty showed the new skirt her daughter would wear on Easter. It was Saturday, called by custom the Day of Light.

Laty was a Communist activist before he became a believer and was saved from a death sentence twice during the war of 1948. Both times he was imprisoned by mis-

take. His testimony is that of a life changed from hate to love.

Another Baptist family in a village near the Sea of Galilee, shared in ancient Easter customs. Neighbors and relatives came to visit and were served Easter cakes. The cakes were made in the shapes of a crown of thorns and the rock at Christ's tomb entrance.

Easter is an important celebration for such families — the largest Christian feast. This family would celebrate in both a Baptist and Greek Catholic church. Dozens would pass through the home, each bearing Easter greetings and praise that Christ is risen.

As hundreds gathered for sunrise services in the garden tomb and on the Mount of Olives, the people of West Jerusalem Baptist Church worshipped with them. They had already held their church's services on Saturday so more members could come.

As the sun rose choirs of Christians sang praises. The hearts of Baptists of West Jerusalem Church also rejoiced, for they saw in the joint worship of Hebrew and Arab Christians a foretaste of what true peace can be brought through Christ.

## SBC Activities Will Highlight King, BMT

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptists will participate in a week of activities including an address by the president of the United States, the preaching of Martin Luther King Jr., and vivid multi-media presentations on the Bold Mission Thrust goal to evangelize the world when they gather in Atlanta for the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in June.

The 121st annual session of the 13-year-old SBC will run June 13-15 at the Georgia World Congress Center but activities and meetings related to it will get underway on Sunday afternoon, June 11, and close on Friday afternoon, June 16.

Jimmy Carter will speak at a rally during the National Conference of Baptist Men at the Omni Coliseum on June 15, the day after the SBC closes. That meeting is sponsored by the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

Besides King, personalities for the main meeting include Georgia Governor George Busbee, Atlanta; Quaker theologian D. Elton Trueblood of Earlsom, Pa.; an interview on tape with British social critic Malcolm Muggeridge; Christian actress Jeanette Clift George, Houston, Texas; Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio, Texas, who will deliver the SBC president's address; Jesse C. Fletcher, president of Hardin Sim-

mons University, Abilene, Texas, convention sermon; Forrest Feezor of Shelby, N. C., retired executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; Harry N. Hollis Jr. of the SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tenn.; and Sarah Frances Anders, who chairs the sociology department, Louisiana College, Pineville, La.

The multi-media sessions, built around the convention theme of "Bold Mission Thrust — If it is to be, it's up to me!" will feature a wide range of effects, according to Marian Grant of Raleigh, N. C., who chairs the SBC committee on order of business. Lloyd Householder, director of the office of communications at the SBC Sunday School Board, chairs a committee of persons from five Southern Baptist agencies who are designing the sessions as a package for continuity during the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night SBC program slots.

"We want to show Southern Baptists some of the heart of Bold Mission Thrust and specifically how the church, the family and the individual can commit themselves to the cause of making Christ's name known to every person in the world by the year 2000," Householder said.

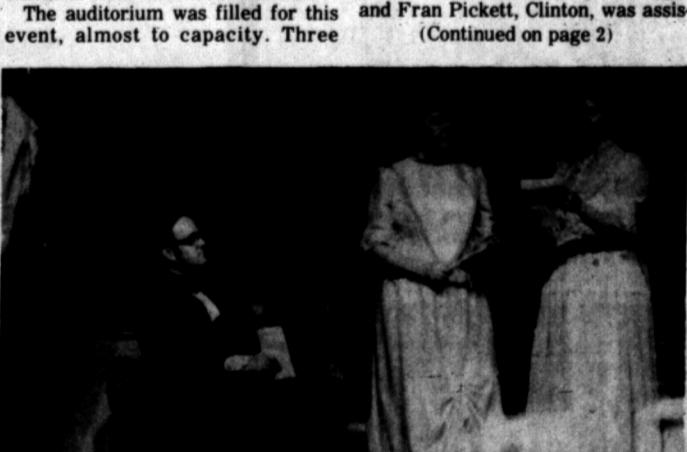
The evening sessions will feature

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women were depicted in the pageant writing a play. As they did their writing, the history of Mississippi WMU unfolded. The three were acted by Mrs. Jim McCaleb, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Billy Williams, Columbia; and Mrs. Charles Tyler, Collins.

Gene Brack of the William Carey College speech department, directed the pageant and designed the set. Jan Cossitt, Clinton, was stage manager and Fran Pickett, Clinton, was assistant.

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Pastor's Wife Portrays Great-Grandmother

Tom Hudson, pastor, Oak Forest, Jackson, and his wife, right, played the parts of Dr. and Mrs. John L. Johnson, in the WMU pageant at City Auditorium, Jackson, March 29. Mrs. Dean Allen, church secretary at Oak Forest, portrayed Mrs. A. J. Quinche.

In 1878, H. A. Tupper of the Foreign Mission Board, asked that a state Central Committee be organized to enlist women in mission societies. He named Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Sr. as president of the Central Committee. Her husband, a professor at the University of Mississippi, was president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Mrs. A. J. Quinche, whose husband was also a professor at the university, was named secretary.

Mrs. Hudson, the former Olive Hewitt, is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. J. L. Johnson. (Tim Nicholas Photo.)

# Venture Into History Proves Dedication To Missions



The cast of nearly 100 assembled on the stage at City Auditorium, Jackson, in the final scene of the pageant, "Our Best for God."



Rebecca Williams, Ashley McCaleb, and Joan Tyler portrayed three women writing the history of Mississippi WMU, for the Tuesday evening pageant.



Frances Smira, state WMU president, and Marjean Patterson, state WMU executive director, model their Centennial gowns.



Woman's Missionary Union opened Camp Garaywa in 1947. In the pageant scene above, Miss Edwin Robinson and Miss Nettie Ree Taylor supervise the camp clean-up.



An exhibit of needlepoint, quilts, and other handwork made for the Centennial was displayed at First Church. This ceramic magnolia on a velvet background was made by Evelyn and Peggy Keyes of Oak Forest Church, Jackson.



Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, WMU, SBC, delivered the closing address. Behind her is the banner presenting the program theme and Centennial logo, "Our Best For God, 1878-1978." Carol Simon, missionary, is at left.



Mrs. J. C. Gladney, left, of First Church, Jackson, pins a camellia on Mrs. L. E. Stewart, mother of Mary Jo Stewart, missionary to Ecuador.



Flora Holifield and Glenna Stamps, missionaries, talked about their work in Italy and Nicaragua.



Marjean Patterson, right, presented copies of her book, COVERED FOUNDATIONS, to the Centennial Committee and to state WMU officers of the past. In this picture, left to right, are Mrs. Billy Williams, Mrs. Vince Scoper, Mrs. W. E. Hannah, Miss Edwin Robinson, Miss Nettie Ree Taylor, and Mrs. Owen Cooper.



Mrs. Frances Tyler led the devotional meditations, replacing Mrs. Helen Fling who cancelled because of her husband's illness. Mrs. Tyler of Blue Mountain was for many years an officer of WMU, SBC.



Singing Churchmen, the Singing Churchmen's Handbells Group, the Carey College Chorale, and the music missionaries, Major McDaniels of Korea, and Annette and Russell Herrington of Costa Rica, presented special music. Mrs. Clyde Bryan was organist; Mrs. Frank Hart was pianist. Larry Black directed the singing.

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tant stage manager.

Marjean Patterson wrote the script, adapting an idea from Sarah Walton Miller, and fitting it to the Mississippi situation. Various churches and individuals provided the 88 or 90 costumes, most of them hand made, a few rented.

A multi-media presentation by Robert Wall of Clinton led to the grand finale, the roll call of dedicated WMU leaders of ten decades, and the "Hallelujah Chorus" sung by the William Carey Chorale.

## Missionaries

In Taiwan, Jerry and Carol Simon served with an English-speaking church which included 15 to 18 nationalities.

"After we witness to others," Jerry said, "we must get out of the way and let God touch their hearts. We must remember to let Him be God and us be people."

Doctors told the Simons that their son, Barry, might be blind by the time he started to school. With this problem on her mind, and also feeling love and concern for the many Buddhists and others in Taiwan who followed strange gods, Carol began to spend four to six hours a day in prayer and Bible reading. "It made all the other hours seem much longer and more meaningful," she said. "The more time I spent in prayer, the more time I seemed to have for other things."

She felt the Lord wanted her to witness to the women in a house of prostitution in their city. She did, and several made professions of faith in Christ.

She believes that God answered her prayer that Barry would be healed, because his vision has remained stable over a long period of time, and he has been carrying a full load in school.

However, as Barry was still under a doctor's care when the Simons' furlough time expired, they have resigned from the Foreign Mission Board, and say that they are waiting to see where the Lord wants them to serve next.

Bob and Flora Holifield of Italy and Stanley and Glenna Stamps of Nicaragua, participated in a panel discussion. Other missionary speakers included Major and June McDaniels and Bill and Terry Peacock of Korea, John Merritt of Germany, Russell and Annette Herrington of Costa Rica, and Mrs. Tom Barron of Indonesia.

Mary Frank Kirkpatrick reviewed some of the events of her 22 years as missionary in Nigeria, working with students. She expressed gratitude for the progress of the Baptist work there, and for the good relationship between Nigerian Baptists and Southern Baptists.

Miss Kirkpatrick returned to Mississippi several months ago and is being reassigned to Liberia. She told the women at the convention the story behind her reassignment.

"One day some men came to my house and wanted to search it. Their credentials revealed that they were investigating police. We have always had a very good relationship with law officers in the country, so I was not frightened. I invited them in. In their search they found the tape library that I used in my student work, and asked me to play one. It was a sermon by Jack Taylor. He said 'Good evening' and then quoted a Bible verse." The scripture that Taylor was quoting gave her reassurance, Miss Kirkpatrick said, and she felt as if it were a message to her from the Lord.

The men made no charge against her. However, she went with them as asked, and they questioned her intensively and then told her she could go back home.

She received a call from a Nigerian Baptist leader. The caller told Miss Kirkpatrick that he had gotten a message indicating it would be best if she left the country within 48 hours. That is what she said she did, without knowing the reason.

## Winning The World

Eugene Grubbs, Foreign Mission Board, and Joe McKeever, pastor, First Church, Columbus, spoke Monday evening on "Our Best . . . in Winning The World."

Grubbs suggested ways in which women could serve through volunteer missions. He said, "You just name the kind of thing you would be interested in doing, and there's likely a need."

"The mission in Barbados needs teams of ten women to teach national women to sew clothing for children in hospitals. Or you could teach Vacation Bible School in the Caribbean for as many as 800 children on an island, or work with missionary children while the adults are in meetings. One lady from California went to Indonesia to help teach teen-age missionary girls the art of make-up and beauty."

Grubbs said that the Mission Service Corps is an expansion of what the Foreign Mission Board has been doing for a long time. He added, "We have many requests for one to two years service that we are not able to fill. For six months service the Board pays transportation for one person; for a year's service the Board will pay transportation for a couple. The individual pays other expenses."

McKeever asked the women, "What can we do to be bold?" He said, "Think about this little goal of doubling Cooperative Program receipts by 1982. Figure out what that would be for your church. Then sit with the pastor and figure how your church can do it. Don't just think, 'Let the pastor and deacons do it.' Give them some encouragement. Tell them, 'We'd like to come up with a plan for doubling Cooperative Program receipts by 1982. Here is our plan — step 1, step 2 . . .'"

McKeever continued, "Pick out people in your church and give them a subscription to The Commission. You'd be surprised at the number of people on the mission field today who read of needs in a missionary magazine."

He told of going to Singapore himself last year to draw an evangelistic

comic book, after reading about the need for such service in The Commission. Now Bob Wakefield, missionary, Singapore, has told him there is a possibility the largest distribution company in Malaysia might distribute that comic book all over Malaysia, a country where ordinarily you cannot witness to a Moslem.

## In His Name

In the closing address, Miss Weatherford quoted John 14:12-14: "Greater works than these shall ye do . . . If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it."

"We can do greater works," she said, "but what we do must be done in His name. When I was growing up, I learned in the missionary organizations that Jesus loved me, and that He loves all the children of the world. And He wants me to tell them that He loves them."

## Newsbriefs In The



## World Of Religion

**Vancouver (RNS)** — A Mennonite Brethren churchgoer who said his pastor preached too much forgiveness was convicted of assaulting the clergyman. He was discharged by the court on the condition that he stay away from the church and the minister.

**Washington (RNS)** — Working from handwritten legal papers, the U. S. Supreme Court voted, 5 to 4, to reinstate a lower court order barring New Hampshire Gov. Meldrim Thomson Jr. from carrying out plans to fly state flags at half-staff on Good Friday. The high Court's temporary restraining order stayed an appeals court ruling that would have permitted Governor Thomson to follow through on his proclamation that "flags flown at half-mast on our buildings will memorialize the death of Christ on the cross on the first Good Friday."

**Tur'an Village, Galilee** — In a special ceremony ground was broken for the second wing of the Baptist Center building in this village located in the valley between Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee. Suhaib Ramadan, lay evangelist in charge of the center since 1971, said the addition will double the present space and will allow for expansion of all the Baptist activities. Included in the building will be more rooms for Sunday School classes, the day kindergarten, an office, an air raid shelter, and the first lending library in this village of 5,000 Muslims and Christians.

**Washington (BP)** — Twenty-six American religious leaders deplored the use of violence over the issue of abortion rights and called on all Americans to settle their differences by words rather than by unlawfulness, in a joint statement released in Washington. Noting the escalating number of violent incidents, including the fire bombings of family planning clinics, the Protestant and Jewish leaders said, "We deplore the use of fear, intimidation and harassment to establish public policy on serious social questions."

## Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference

### Georgia World Congress Center

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Atlanta, Georgia

### Theme: The Urgent Need for Christ Today

**Sunday Evening, June 11**  
Bailey Smith, Del City, Okla., presiding  
6:25 Welcome—Bailey Smith, Pastors' Conference president, and pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.  
6:30 Music—Roswell Street Baptist Church Choir, Marietta, Ga.  
6:35 Congregational Singing (Commitment Medley)—Aubie McSwain, Pastors' Conference music director, and minister of music, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., director  
Message—Fred W. Sampson, pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.  
7:30 Testimony—David Ring, evangelist, Liberty, Mo.  
7:45 Solo—Richard Bradford, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N.M.  
7:50 Offertory—The Witnesses, singing group, First Southern Baptist Church  
8:00 Address—Anita Bryant, Miami, Fla.  
8:30 Solo—D'Arcy Hodges, music evangelist, Oklahoma City  
8:35 Message—John Bisagno, pastor, First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas  
9:15 Benediction—Sandra (Mrs. Bailey) Smith, Del City, Okla.

**Monday Morning, June 12**  
Bailey Smith, presiding  
9:15 Hymn  
9:20 Prayer—Morris Chapman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N.M.  
9:25 Music—The Centurymen, Buryl Red, New York, N.Y., director  
9:30 Message—Don Moore, pastor, Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Ark.  
9:35 Solo—Jeanne Rogers, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.  
10:00 Message—Billy Weber, pastor, Northway Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas  
10:25 Message—The Centurymen  
10:30 Message—Jim Henry, pastor, First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.  
10:55 Offering  
11:00 Music—The Griffin Family, music evangelists, Rusk, Texas  
11:05 Message—Sam Caithen, evangelist, Owasso, Okla.  
11:30 Solo—James Wright, music evangelist, Nashville, Tenn.  
11:35 Message—Fred W. Sampson, pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.  
12:05 Benediction—Bill Lewis, pastor, North Main Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ark.

**Monday Afternoon, June 12**  
Bailey Smith, presiding  
1:45 Music—The Oklahoma City Junior Symphony and The Witnesses, Del City, Okla.  
1:55 Congregational Singing (Name of Jesus Medley)—Aubie McSwain, director  
2:00 Message—Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.  
2:25 Solo—Jeanne Rogers, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.  
2:30 Message—James T. Draper Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas  
2:55 Congregational Singing (Cross Medley)—Aubie McSwain, director  
3:00 Election of Officers  
3:10 Offertory—The Revolution, singing group, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City.  
3:20 Message—Baker J. Cauthen, executive director, SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.  
3:45 Music—The Bernard Family, music evangelists, Houston, Texas  
3:50 Broadman Press presentation of book, "Real Evangelism"—Joe Johnson, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.  
3:55 Message—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas  
4:00 Benediction—Rod Masteller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jenks, Okla.

**Monday Evening, June 12**  
Bailey Smith, presiding  
6:30 Song and Testimony—Wanda Jackson and Wendell Goodman, husband and wife team, Del City, Okla.  
6:45 Congregational Singing (Return of Christ Medley)—Aubie McSwain, director  
7:05 Scripture and Prayer—Robert Harris, Del City, Okla.  
7:10 Message—Tom Eliff, pastor, Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.  
7:40 Award Winning Sermons presentation—James C. Barry, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.  
7:45 Solo—John McKay, music director, James Robison Evangelistic Assoc., Hurst, Texas  
7:50 Testimony—Marolyn Ford, Hurst, Texas  
8:10 Offering and Congregational Singing (Grace Medley), Aubie McSwain, director  
8:15 Music—Chancel Choir, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., Aubie McSwain, director  
8:30 Message—James Robison, evangelist, Hurst, Texas  
8:35 Benediction—O. S. Hawkins, pastor, First Baptist Church, Ada, Okla.

**Pastors' Conference Officers**

President—Bailey Smith, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.

President—Homer Lindsey Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

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## Editorials

### Mississippi Legislature . . .

## "Wait 'Til Next Year"

Where the writer went to college it was exactly 50 years between conference championships in football. Though everyone more than likely knows the name of the school immediately, in kindness it will not be mentioned in this connection.

For years on that campus in Texas the watchword regarding football was "Wait 'til next year."

Perhaps that is the way it is with the Mississippi Legislature, though surely the men and women of that body are to be commended for some of their actions of this year.

A review of the just finished legislative session shows a few victories and a few defeats. More attention was paid to liquor than to pornography in the Legislature, and perhaps the area of the most obvious inaction was in the failure to do anything at all about curbing pornography.

#### Particular Effort

Readers may recall that last year there was a particular effort made to put teeth in pornography laws so that local authorities could move to curb it, but all the efforts were bottled up in committees. With sentiment and momentum under way, however, it was felt that there would be legislation this year. Lamentably, such was not to be the case. Maybe next year we will get it.

It was not that efforts were not made. House Bill 208 was designed to

regulate obscenity and related offenses and would have repealed certain passages of the present Mississippi Code of 1972 which have been judged to be constitutionally unenforceable. House Bill 208 passed the House with only a few negative votes, but it died in the Senate Judiciary B Committee. The voting record of the House is presented on this page.

That action in the Senate Judiciary B Committee was the death knell for action on pornography for this session.

So we will "wait 'til next year." But we've been waiting already. We can't let this become our theme song.

While one Senate committee was to kill the pornography effort, another was to kill a bill that deserved to die. The House passed House Bill 650, which would have provided that any city having a population of not less than 1,000 and having a full-time police force could hold a local option for the sale of beer. We should be grateful to the Senate Elections-Finance Committee for killing this bill.

It has been said over and over, and it will be said again: Mississippi is already the wettest dry state in the nation, and it is that way because Baptists in the state are content with that condition. Anytime Mississippi Baptists decide that something is ugly and needs changing, we can change it.

Thankfully, the Senate Elections-Finance Committee saw something

ugly in House Bill 650.

We should not need to be reminded that Mississippi is legally dry, but alcohol of all sorts flows so freely now that it is hard to remember that it is a dry state. Alcohol in any form can be sold only when a local option election establishes the legality of it. This is actually local option in reverse. Generally when a state is dry it is dry. When it is wet a political subdivision may become dry by local option election. On the other hand, in dry Mississippi local options have voted a great part of the state wet.

#### Obvious Need

Because of the obvious need of policing areas of alcohol sales (including beer), there is now a minimum limit in population for a municipality to hold a local option election for beer. Supposedly, it is felt that the larger towns would have a police force. HB 650 would have established the local option possibility in towns of 1,000 or more population provided there was a full-time police force. "Full-time" was not defined. It could mean one man working one eight-hour shift. Appreciation is due the Senate committee for killing it. The record of the House vote is to be found on this page.

There were other legislature actions that need to be commended. For instance, House Bill 622 passed, and it extended for two years the 3 per cent

tax on alcohol which is being used in rehabilitation. A bill that would have permitted liquor advertising in the state was killed in a House committee. Bills that would have allowed gambling in the state were ignored.

#### Blood Alcohol Content

On the other hand, bills that would have lowered the blood alcohol content in the body for a person to be presumed to be drunk died in a Senate committee. For the time being, at least, Mississippi will continue to allow a person to be drunker than anywhere else in the nation and continue to operate an automobile. The blood alcohol content allowable in our state is 50 per cent more than in any other.

"Wait 'til next year." We haven't given up on some kind of a pornography bill nor on the lowering of the blood alcohol content. One encouraging aspect of this year was that Catholic, Jews, and Protestants were together in the fight against alcohol; and an organization was formed. It should continue to function.

Perhaps a new pornography bill needs to be drawn that would provide for an adversary hearing whereby the person in question could have a hearing prior to charges being filed. Whatever it is, we need a strong, decent, fair law.

Maybe next year.

## God Rightly Revealed...and Twisted Concepts



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Camellias and daffodils and other spring flowers decorated Fellowship Hall last Tuesday at noon during the WMU convention. The luncheon given in honor of parents of missionaries was the first event to take place in First Church, Jackson's fellowship hall since it was redecorated. With new wallpaper, carpet, and chandeliers, the hall is now a lovely place. First Church provided the flowers in honor of its WMU director and the state WMU president, Mrs. Robert Smira.

Each missionary mother received a camellia.

At the luncheon, Carolyn Weatherford presented a gift to Mrs. Smira, a picture from Ecuador. Carolyn had been to Ecuador and brought the picture from Mary Jo Stewart, missionary.

WMU officers of the past were also guests at the luncheon. I think perhaps the oldest was Mrs. W. A. Stockton of Jackson. Marjean Patterson announced that Mrs. Stockton had been exercising in the halls of her nursing home so she could be able to make it to this Centennial convention.

Usually the parents of missionaries get to talk about their grandchildren at this annual luncheon. Lewis Kellum said his son James (formerly missionary to Vietnam, now in the Philippines) and his wife adopted a little girl. Once, not long after James had performed a baptismal service, the

child's grandfather asked her, "Sugar, what does your daddy do?" She answered, "He preaches and he prays and he swims!"

The audience kept singing "Alleluia, Alleluia" at the close of the historical pageant on Tuesday evening at the City Auditorium. The grand finale was a deeply moving worship experience for me, and I think others felt the same way.

During the roll call of dedicated WMU leaders of the decades, I thought of all the dedicated women across the state that I have known in just 25 of the 100 years of Mississippi WMU. As the Carey Chorale sang the "Hallelujah Chorus," I imagined the hundreds of others who stretched back into the years. I thought of all the missionaries who must have gone out from the state, at least partly because of the influence of these women, in answer to the challenge, "Let us each in our generation of service exalt Him as Lord of lords and King of kings!"

Postscript: Tom Brown, my nephew who has been a part of my household for three years, will be graduating from Mississippi College next month. He and 12 others will present their senior art exhibit next Sunday afternoon in the student center at the college. (See news story elsewhere in this issue.) You are invited.

## Association Resolves On Drink Sales Opposition

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Association met in regular session on Sunday, March 12, 1978, at 2 p.m., in Liberty.

Among the business transacted, the following statement was adopted by the Committee regarding the petitions that are being circulated to call for an election whether to have the legal sale of beer and intoxicating drinks in Amite County:

Being made aware of an attempt to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages in Amite County, it is recommended that the churches of the area be committed to standing for the right in this issue. Thereby, warning persons of the dangers involved in using these beverages, both spiritual and physical, and opposing all attempts to vote-in the legal sale of such beverages.

J. Paul Jones  
Director of Missions

There is much Scripture warning against results of said use, and much historical, social documentation of the loss of health, job, life, family, and moral integrity resulting from "legal" use of alcoholic beverages.

In our educated, enlightened age, it should be a unanimous decision for churches to be committed to stopping the spread of such an evil.

It is our intention to oppose the issue should an election be called. We shall endeavor to seek the support of others to defeat the issue. We recognize that the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage is not in compliance with God's Word and that it is a menace to mankind as outlined in the statement.

## Book Reviews

Record editor) in Birmingham in 1891. The two men represented opposing views about the formation of a board of publications, but they came to the decision that Frost could write the committee report if Gambrell could write the last paragraph.

BUGS, FLOODS & FRIED RICE by Darlene Sala (Baker, \$2.95, 96 pp.) Former missionary to the Philippines (with Guidelines, Inc.), Mrs. Sala has caught the fragile, the tragic, and the funny moments in the life of a missionary wife and mother. In brief vignettes, she paints a sensitive picture of the Philippines.

FIRST PETER by E. M. Blaiklock (Word Books, 113 pp., \$4.95) Blaiklock combines history and commentary to make this letter a relevant book for our time. Also, he shows how First Peter sheds light on the Roman world of A.D. 60-64. He says that in a little over one generation from the death of Christ, the Roman Empire was beginning to notice the communities of Christians and to get nervous. Peter could see the "fiery trial" that was coming and wrote to these many Christian groups to stand firm. (Blaiklock is retired from the Chair of Classics at University of Auckland, New Zealand.)

### Missionaries In India

Dear Editor:

I am sure by now you have caught the error in an article on India, page 2, issue March 16, 1978. Southern Baptists do have missionaries in India and they are doing well. We have a hospital in Bangalore with some of our finest missionaries serving there. Located adjacent to the hospital is a student building which is across the street from a large university.

Twenty-four of us visited several places in India two years ago and spent a weekend with our missionaries. I had the privilege of preaching in the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Bangalore. Two of the missionaries serving there are from Mississippi and graduates of Mississippi College.

O. Wyndell Jones  
Montgomery, Ala.

You are right, and thank you for calling this to our attention. We have 15 missionary personnel in India, and two of them are Dr. and Mrs. Van Wagner Williams III of Mississippi, who serve at the Baptist hospital in Bangalore. It is true that visas are not readily granted for missionaries to enter India. Those missionary specialists, however, who are qualified to serve

the Indian people in ways that cannot yet be matched by Indians are welcomed. Recognized institutions in India can get visas for people to come in and serve in ways that Indians cannot, and our hospital is a recognized institution. The Foreign Mission Board is now seeking volunteers for India. They need doctors, nurses, and a hospital administrator. The doctors must have advanced degrees, and the nurses must have master's degrees. In India at this time are 11 career missionaries, two journeymen, and two working on special projects. — Editor

### Missionary Spirit

Dear Editor:

I had planned last year to print and distribute a "Book of Letters" of testimony to the membership of our church as we observed the 75th anniversary. However, serious complications following heart surgery last July prevented completion of the project.

Now, however, a new and deeper sense of appreciation for the people of this great church for their wonderful support and concern has rekindled a desire to follow through with the book.

Improve Baptist Church has always had a strong missionary spirit and at present is contributing 22% of undesignated gifts to the Cooperative Program, 1½% to Association Missions, and 5% to Local Missions. In the six years it has been my pleasure to serve as pastor, total missions giving has reached as much as 40% of all gifts received. In addition, the church has always cooperated with association and state convention efforts.

Roy M. Black  
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### Volunteer Help Needed

Dear Editor:

I would like to offer a challenge to the people of your state.

Many of our good, talented, willing workers, ready to share Christ, people who love the Lord and are looking for an opportunity to be of service, come to Dauphin Island, Alabama (a small island about four miles out in the Gulf of Mexico, thirty miles south of Mobile, Al.) on their vacation each year. Many come to our Sunday services, but this is really too late for

them to share their talents fully with us. So to utilize fully the diversities of gifts that come our way each year, and to reach the multitude of lost people that come our way, and to offer joy and a mountain top experience to the passing Christian, we have established a Beach Mission.

We need HELP!! Pastors, student ministers, ministers of music, musical groups, puppet groups, or anyone who would like to help in any way we can, we offer you this challenge. If you are coming this way in 1978 and are looking

for a mountain top experience, we promise you more than that. We offer you an opportunity to share in a moment of Glory for the Lord.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into His Harvest; (Matt. 9:37,38).

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### HB 208 On Local Option

#### House of Representatives

Yea—109; Nay—7; Absent—5

Voting "Yes": Anderson, R. G.; Anderson, D.; Andrews; Atkinson; Banks; Brown; Buckley; Buelow; Campbell; Capps; Case; Chambliss; Clark, R. G.; Cossar; Deaton; Dollar; Endris; Ferguson; Gollott; Haibrook; Harned; Havens; Holmes, J. S.; Horne; Huggins; Hughes; Jackson; Jolly; Lamb; Levi; Lippian; Lynn; Mabry; Manning; Millette; Neal; Neblett; Nipper; O'Beirne; O'Keefe; Owens; Pennebaker; Perry; Pierce; Poindexter; Presley; Raney; Sanders; Simpson; Smith, J. L.; Smith, W. O.; Stennis; Stubbs; Sumner; Tedford; Walman; Wells; Wilburn; Williams, C. V.; Williams, K. O.; Williams, G. B.

Voting "Nay": Anderson, R. E.; Arlington; Benjamin; Blount; Brooks; Bryan; Buchanan; Burkes; Canon; Clark, R. O.; Coleman; Comprett; Cross; Doxey; Fooshee; Fortenberry; Gilbreath; Gollott; Gordon; Grist; Halbrook; Hall; Harned; Havens; Haynes; Hendry; Herring; Hollinger; Hollingsworth; Holmes, C.; Horne; Huggins; Hughes; Jackson; Johnson, J. E.; Johnson, L. C.; Jolly; Kilpatrick; Lambert; Lipian; Livingston; Lynn; Mabry; Manning; McCalla; McCrary; McEngvile; McInnis; Millette; Montgomery; Morrow; Neal; Neblett; Nipper; Nunnally; O'Beirne; Owens; Pearson; Pennebaker; Perry; Pierce; Poindexter; Presley; Raney; Richardson; Sanders; Simpson; Smith, H. L.; Smith, J. L.; Smith, W. O.; Stennis; Stringer; Turner; Walman; Wells; Wilburn; Wilkerson; Williams, C. V.; Williams, K. O.; Williams, G. B.; Williamson; Wiseman.

Absent: Barefield; Blessey; Cook; Disharoon; Edwards; Hall; McDade; Merideth; Miller; Pearson; Richardson; Simmons; Smith, H. L.; Newman.

Present: Anderson, R. G.

# SBC Activities Will Highlight King, BMT

testimonies, interviews, filmed sequences showing persons at work in Bold Mission Thrust all over the world, a variety of guest musicians and speakers, music written for the occasion by William J. Reynolds of the SBC Sunday School Board's church music department, specially orchestrated and recorded accompaniments, and set designs by Peter Wolf and Associates of Dallas. It will include use of drama and a variety of multi-media techniques.

"The sessions will follow the struggles of people who are in the process of committing themselves to world missions or who have already given boldly of their lives," Householder said. "We hope we can vividly portray what's going on in Bold Mission Thrust so that people can have a vicarious experience of becoming identified with the issues. People, for example, will be challenged to take a positive action concerning world hunger."

Special features of the convention will involve a segment on the power and influence of television and a "Prayer Service For Spiritual Awakening," Mrs. Grant said.

The first portion of the television segment on Thursday morning will include a media presentation on "The Power of Television, a Status Report," featuring well known television personalities to be announced and the taped interview with Muggerington. It will explore the power and influence television has over the minds of children and adults.

Harry N. Hollis Jr., director of family and special moral concerns for the SBC Christian Life Commission, will follow that with an address on "Morality in Television—A Plan for Action." It will deal with how Christians can take action to affirm what is good about television and change what is wrong with it.

The "Prayer Service For Spiritual Awakening," which resulted from an action by the Kansas City Convention in 1977, will take place Thursday afternoon, following an address by Martin Luther King Sr., a Baptist preacher and father of the slain civil rights leader. King will speak on "America's Need for Spiritual Awakening."

Feezor, 85-year-old interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, N. C., and retired Texas Baptist chief executive, will lead the prayer service, designed to set a spiritual tone for Southern Baptists' worldwide efforts for evangelism and social concern.

The convention will feature expanded time for business, resolutions

and reports from SBC agencies and shorter daytime sessions, in response to grassroots feedback to the committee on order of business. Mrs. Grant said.

Business items on the agenda of the nation's largest Protestant denomination, with over 13 million members in all 50 states, include a vote on a proposed \$75 million national Cooperative Program unified budget and election of officers. Allen, elected in Kansas City last year, likely will be re-elected to a traditional second one-year term as SBC president. Some 16,000 persons are expected to register as messengers. Last year's registration in Kansas City, Mo., totaled 16,271, and a record 18,637 persons registered in 1975 at the Norfolk convention.

Convention music, directed by Reynolds, will feature a variety of individuals and groups, including Cynthia Clawson, concert and recording artist, Nashville, Tenn.; Ken Medema, blind singer and pianist, Upper Mont Clair, N. Y.; The Centurymen, directed by Burl Red, New York; Lanny Allen, minister of music, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas; Sons of Jubal and Jubaleirs, directed by Paul McCommon and Wade Davis, Atlanta; Brewton-Parker College Choir, Mt. Vernon, Ga.; Singing Churchmen and Women of South Carolina directed by Thomas H. Westmoreland; William R. O'Brien of Richmond, Va.; Angela Cofer, concert artist, Baton Rouge, La.; Union Baptist Church Choir, Atlanta, Ga.; Louisiana College Choir, Pineville, La.; and Joseph Blanton, Raleigh, N.C.

Mrs. Grant said that in response to reactions from a variety of Southern Baptists, the program will include a wide range of persons from the rank and file reading Scripture and giving prayers and benedictions. They include a child, an Indian chief, a layman, pastors from a small church, a mission and a rural church, a bivocational pastor, a Chinese pastor, a Korean pastor, a black pastor, an Indian pastor, a woman minister to the deaf, a Japanese woman, a woman missions writer, a WMU state president, a woman student, and a summer missionary.

Besides Householder, the coordinating committee planning the evening sessions includes Ed Seabough, SBC Home Mission Board; Catherine Allen, Woman's Missionary Union; William R. O'Brien, SBC Foreign Mission Board; and Rosser McDonald, SBC Radio and Television Commission.

## Music Director

# Nix Resigns Village Staff; Glaze Named As Replacement

Paul N. Nunnery, executive director of The Baptist Children's Village, has announced the appointment of Ruth A. (Mrs. Henry M.) Glaze to the post of director of the Village's department of music.

She succeeds Jan G. Nix who has resigned to marry Tom Sellers on April 8 and move to the Laurel area.

Mrs. Glaze resides on the Village's Jackson campus, where her husband is home life director. She has been a member of the Village staff since 1973 as Jan Nix' associate.

The department of music at the Village was instituted in 1961 as a therapeutic ministry, under the leadership of Fran (Mrs. T. Deane) Rodgers, wife of the assistant executive director, with Jan Nix joining the department as an associate in 1964. Jan was named department director in 1965.

Village choral groups, including "The Treble Teens," "The Villagers," and "The Teen Choir" have become familiar program features at Baptist associations, annual Mississippi Baptist Conventions, and in worship leadership roles at hundreds of church services throughout the state each year.

The annual spring tours of "The Teen Choir" to dozens of churches across the state, and "Christmas Sparkles at the Village," the annual Christmas choral concert on the Jackson campus, attracting thousands of guests, have become popular features



Glaze and Nix

of the child care agency's ministry.

In accepting the resignation of Jan Nix, Nunnery said, "Based upon 23 years, as Trustee and Administrator, of our child care effort, no individual, in my considered judgment, has had a greater impact, for good and for God upon the lives of countless Village children and upon the merit of our program, than Jan Nix."

"Our distress at losing Jan as a member of our staff is tempered with gratitude for the matchless contribution she has made to our efforts, and warm, good wishes for happiness in



Greene



Howell

## These Are The Ten

### Brotherhood SSM's

### Going To The Plains



Smith



Barnes



Sieger



Polk



Jones



Burnley



May



Hammack

# Gulfshore Baptist Assembly Schedule Summer 1978

Date	Senior Adult Conv.	Sponsor
May 22-24	I—Youth Conf	Church Training
May 25-29	II—Youth Conf.	
May 29-June 2	III—Youth Conf.	Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
June 2-6	IV—Youth Conf.	
June 6-10	V—Youth Conf.	
June 12-16	VI—Youth Conf.	
June 16-20	VII—Youth Conf.	
June 20-24		
June 26-28	(Assembly grounds will be open at 1:30 for registration on the first day of the Youth Conference. Youth Conferences close with the breakfast meal on the last day of the Youth Conference. Guests are requested to check out by 9:00 a.m.)	
June 29-July 1	C.T. Leadership Retreat	Church Training
July 1-3	Formerly Married Retreat	Christian Action Commission
July 2-4	Couples Com. Workshop	Christian Action Commission
July 3-7	Family Week	Christian Action Commission
July 8-13	I—Youth Music Conf.	Church Music
July 13-18	II—Youth Music Conf.	Church Music
July 18-22	Young Musicians Music Conf.	Church Music
July 24-28	Pastor/Church Prog. Week	Miss. Bapt. Conv. Bd.
July 31-Aug. 2	I—S.S. Leadership Conf.	Sunday School
August 3-5	II—S.S. Leadership Conf.	Sunday School
August 7-9	III—S.S. Leadership Conf.	Sunday School
August 10-12	IV—S.S. Leadership Conf.	Sunday School
August 14-18	Senior Adult Retreat	Church Training
August 18-19	Church Leadership Training	Brotherhood
August 21-23	Church Staff Dev. Conf.	Church Administration
August 24-26	Music—Leadership—Adult	Church Music

## At Commencement

# Carey College Honors Three With Doctorates



McGregor



Curtis



Perry

William Carey College will award honorary degrees to three distinguished Mississippi Baptists, two of whom are alumni of the college, on Commencement Day, May 6th.

Bobby Perry, pastor of First Baptist Church of Moss Point; and Kermit McGregor, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, will each receive the Doctor of Divinity. Mrs. Elise Curtis of Gulfport will receive the Doctor of Humane Letters.

Kermit McGregor will be the commencement speaker. He is a native of Pontotoc County and a graduate of Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Phyllis McCoy and the couple has two children.

McGregor has held seven different pastorates in Mississippi having come from First Church, Winona, to Temple, Hattiesburg. Currently he is serving as chairman of the Christian Education Committee for the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

He has also served on numerous other committees and boards relative to the Mississippi Baptist scene, as well as in associations where he has served. McGregor is involved in community activities and is on the Mississippi Advisory Committee on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Bobby Perry is a former trustee of William Carey College and a 1964 alumnus. He also holds a degree from New Orleans Seminary. Married to the former Sue Minton, Perry is the father of three children, two of whom are currently enrolled as students at Carey. He has held pastorates in Tennessee and Georgia as well as Mississippi.

Perry is a past president of the Mississippi Alumni Association of New Orleans Seminary, a former trustee of the Sunday School Board and has served on numerous Baptist boards and committees. He also is past lieutenant governor of the Civilian International Club.

Mrs. Elise Curtis is a retired public school teacher, having recently served as president of both the Mississippi Education Association and of the Mississippi Retired Teachers Association.

She is also a member of the William Carey College Board of Development. A graduate of the institution when it was known as Mississippi Woman's College, Mrs. Curtis has been an active member of the William Carey College Alumni Association for more than 10 years. She is a member of the American Association of University Women, listed in many "Who's Who" compilations and is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Gulfport.

In addition to her work at Carey, Mrs. Curtis did additional graduate work at Peabody College, University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Mississippi College and Louisiana State University.

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# Baptists Reopen . . .

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will close with breakfast on the fifth day.

Vaughn explained that establishing the scheduling in this fashion allows the assembly to conduct conferences of whatever duration is desired. The time

element is not bound by the calendar week. The necessity for establishing such scheduling came about because of the popularity of youth weeks and the need for scheduling two more than had been anticipated.



The new auditorium at Gulfshore is nearing completion and will be the site of the dedication services May 5. The auditorium will seat 600 or more and has adjoining classrooms on two levels.



A typical room at Gulfshore features two single beds with a private bath.

# MBMC Hosts Medical Symposium, Apr. 14-15

A symposium on pulmonary and systemic fungus disease is scheduled for April 14-15, 1978, at the Coliseum Ramada Inn in Jackson.

The symposium will be hosted by the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center's Medical Education Committee and co-sponsored by the Mississippi Lung Association and Mississippi Thoracic

Society.

Primarily designed for the practicing physician, the course is intended as a concise presentation of practical and useful information regarding the current methods of diagnosis and treatment of human mycotic disease prevalent in this geographic area.

# Lee, Jackson To Lead Clinics On Literature Interpretation

Forrest Jackson and Tom Lee of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville will be leaders for Adult and Youth Literature Interpretation Clinics the week of April 10.

Jackson is design editor in the Youth Section. Tom Lee is adult consultant.

These interpretation clinics are being held in four areas of the state. Monday, April 10, the clinic will be held in Calvary Church, Jackson; Tuesday, April 12, First Church, Laurel.

## Cholera Outbreak . . .

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Knapp said.

The cholera outbreak began in November. Government health officials are trying to curb the spread of the disease by restricting travel and closing schools in the most severely hit areas. All grade schools and high schools in the capital city of Dar Es Salaam, including the International School which some local missionary children attend, have been closed until further notice.

(Missionaries serving in the country have access to cholera inoculations

and also practice careful hygiene in their homes, according to Davis L. Saunders, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa.

The disease is present in other areas of the world where governments of developing nations are still working to upgrade sanitary conditions.)

## Baptist Men

### At Indy

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA . . . Mississippi will be well represented at the Second World Conference of Baptist Men, scheduled for Indianapolis, Indiana, April 5-9, 1978.

Among those scheduled to have a part on the program or to participate as a convenor or resource persons for one of the workshops are the following Mississippians: Jerry Clower, Owen Cooper, James Gilbert, William Hardy, Jr., Larry Otis, Doyle Pennington, Foy Rogers, Cooper Walton, and James Yates.

Advance registration indicates attendance of approximately 2,000 persons for the Indianapolis meeting exclusive of those attending locally. Laymen, pastors, and wives are invited to attend.

## Cook Elected

Freddie Cook, 40, has been elected superintendent of buildings and grounds for Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. He will supervise operations of groundskeeping and maintenance for the newly rebuilt Baptist facility at Pass Christian. Cook, who first worked at Camp Kittiwake as a pot washer while in high school, has 18 years as an employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. He and his wife Edith have eight children.

# Thrust In Chicago Ministry Depends On Easter Offering



Jim Queen, a former college quarterback, spends much of his time in the Uptown area of Chicago working with young people on the concrete playgrounds which lie within the shadow of elegant lakefront condominiums. (HMB Photo by Jim Wright)

## Mississippi and England

### Monticello, Sandhurst Adopt Each Other —

By Anne McWilliams

The Monticello Baptist Church in Mississippi and the Sandhurst Baptist Church in England have adopted each other, in an exchange of friendship and inspiration, fellowship and information.

John Hiron, pastor of the Sandhurst Church, is to leave New York April 14, after six weeks in this country — four in Monticello.

After attending the Bible Conference in Jackson, he said, "I am impressed with the emphasis on Bible teaching here. It is wonderful. Also the standard of music is much higher in American churches than in ours."

He felt that he could speak with more authority than the average tourist because he had visited in the homes of many people in Mississippi and spoken in many churches in a relatively short time.

He spoke at a youth rally at Bethel Church, Lawrence County, the Saturday night he arrived.

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Condon, a college student who stayed a month, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Workman and Ray Bates, from the Camberley Church.

Hiron came by bus from New York and then left the last week of March to return on the bus to New York by way of Chicago. While here he visited New Orleans Seminary with Rayburn who is studying there toward a doctorate.

"A lot of British Baptists think Southern Baptists are overorganized," the pastor said. "I thought so, too, until I saw the reasons behind the organization and the effectiveness of it. Now I have changed my mind."

Born in London, Hiron was a "very nominal Episcopalian" until Billy Graham's crusade there in 1954. He was converted then but was an accountant and did not become a minister until 1970. He has been pastor at Sandhurst for four years. They furnish a house for him and his wife and six children.

"I like the Baptist Record," he said. "I read the article on tithing last week. All of my church members tithe."

He said that the Sunday School at his church is only for children, up to 16, as is true in most British Baptist churches. They have their Sunday School while the preaching service for adults is in progress. At Sandhurst, the children do not divide into classes, as they do in most of the churches, but assemble in one large group and are taught by the pastor's wife.

"Our sanctuary was built for 60," he added, "but we can squeeze in about 170. Usually we have about 130 present — 30 adults and 100 children."

"We have more non-members than we do members. This is not true in all British churches, but is in ours. The reason is that we have made it very hard to join, so that only those who are totally committed will become members."

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CHICAGO — Uptown is a little ghetto of misery in Chicago.

Two miles long by a mile wide, Uptown is home for 144,000 people. It is referred to as "the dumping ground of Chicago . . . one of the most chaotic scenes on earth . . . a last-stop place for the poor, the elderly, the skid row denizens."

It sits within a brickbat's throw of the elegant lakefront highrises, contrasting poverty and hopelessness with splendor and economic might; falling-down tenements and concrete playgrounds with yachts and "Keep Out" signs.

Amid the desperation of Uptown, Jim Queen, a Southern Baptist home missionary, lives and ministers in Jesus' name.

"Chicago is a big metropolitan area," Queen says. "Uptown is a forgotten little corner."

Uptown is symbolic of many inner city ghettos across the nation. These communities — called communities in transition — are one of the four target areas of Bold Mission Thrust, the Home Mission Board's program to reach the nation for Christ by the end of the decade.

The other three target areas are key cities, key counties, and cultural and lifestyle groups. This year's Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions will help support work in these four key areas.

The \$13,000 offering will help home missionaries such as Queen reach people who live in these inner city communities.

Queen's story could be repeated many times in many places: in the life of Bruce Schoonmaker who ministers on the Lower East Side of New York City; in the work of Richard Wilson, who shares Jesus' love in the Irish Channel area of New Orleans, in the efforts of Ken Schmidt, who labors at Telegraph Center in Oakland.

Queen, who was reared in Uptown and met Christ at age 25 in a church there, maintains the church needs to take a different approach to ministering in the inner city: "we have a tendency, as the church grows, to move them out from the central city. We have forgotten that most people with heartaches and problems and massive need still are in the central city."

Jim Queen's approach to ministering in Uptown has been to walk the streets, sharing with and loving the people, telling them of the worth God sees in them. Then, he attempts to tie them to Uptown Baptist Chapel, a small congregation which meets in a tenement apartment.

"Vivid results have come about through this work," he says, quickly giving much credit to those who work with him. "We have rediscovered that if we walk the streets and talk to people, we can get involved in their lives . . . get to know them, become their friends, minister to them and share our faith with them."

"Our biggest problem is that we don't have enough workers," he says. "Uptown is bigger than the whole city of Selma, Ala., yet only one Southern Baptist missionary works here."

While he avoids "give-away programs," Queen spends much of his time ministering and building a people and a church. "We are trying to build a church in a total way. We do something nobody else does . . . we visit in the homes regularly and steadily."

"So far as I can see, nobody is ministering in Uptown. It needs help. Somebody needs to love this little piece of land."

### Heart Disease, Cancer Kill The Most Ministers

Heart disease and cancer rank as the leading killers of active and retired Southern Baptist ministers and employees, according to statistics released by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

Seventy-two percent of 105 deaths recorded by the Annuity Board for this group in the last nine months of 1977 were attributed to heart disease and cancer. Sixty deaths from April 1, 1977 to December 31 were linked to heart complications, while 16 involved cancer. One-half of the cancer-related deaths occurred during the three month period between October and December.

The totals reflect deaths of ministers or denominational employees who had participated in the Annuity Board's protection program.

Gaza — Of the 40 students in the Baptist Hospital school of nursing in Gaza, only one is a Christian, reports Naomi McLean, registered nurse and Southern Baptist missionary press representative. And one of the four students in the school of medical technicians is a Christian. "Please pray that the missionary staff members who work with these young people will be proper instruments in God's plan for this community," Miss McLean writes.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

### Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

While I sat and listened to missionaries from all over the world tell those of us who attended the Mississippi WMU convention last week about their work on mission fields, speaking with joy in their voices and sparkles in their eyes, I thought, What abundant life they live — what a sense of accomplishment they have.

Marveling at the lovely way Mrs. Frances Tyler brought our meditations though called on at the last minute because of an emergency, I thought, what an abundant life she leads — to be so well prepared that she can do this for the Lord.

Springfield, Ill. (BP) — John Whitman, managing editor of the Illinois Baptist, state Baptist newspaper, has resigned to become vice president of Data Master Graphics, a printing and business forms broker and distributor, with home offices in Naperville, Ill. Whitman will direct the firm's Springfield office.



M. E. Perry

### Perry Honored On 55th Year Of Ministry

Riverport Church, Greenville, has presented a pen desk set to M. E. Perry, engraved with the words: "In honor of Rev. M. E. Perry, For 55 years evangelism service as song director and pastor." The presentation was made on Baptist Men's Day. Perry is pastor of the Riverport church. The church reached its Annie Armstrong Offering goal of \$150 on March 19.

Hearing Eugene Grubbs tell of all the short term missions needs which we listeners could fill, I thought, What abundant life he leads — matching up needs and people.

Listening to Joe McKeever tell how he was matched up with the need for a cartoonist in Singapore, I thought, What an abundant life he has — talented in art, to say nothing of all his other abilities.

Paying attention as Carolyn Weatherford enthusiastically talked about the place of women in God's plan, I thought, What a busy, resourceful, and helpful life she is racing through — shaping the use of so many hours of human ability.

Watching the pageant of Mississippi WMU's first one hundred years and seeing the leadership we've had, I thought, What demanding, rewarding work they did — what abundant lives they lived.

All of this was great.

But you know what was just as great? When I looked around at the rest of us who simply sat and listened and rejoiced in all of this, I thought, What abundant lives we lead — we work in WMU, we teach Sunday School, we work in Church Training, we sing in the choir, we place our tithe in the storehouse and scatter our gifts around the world, we care for our families, we work hard at our secular jobs — what abundant lives we lead.

### MC Senior Art Exhibit Is April 9

Thirteen art majors at Mississippi College will present their Senior Art Exhibit on Sunday afternoon, April 9.

The exhibit will be in the Mississippi College Student Center Hall of Fame. The public is invited to view the exhibit and to attend the reception from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Reserve Lounge.

Seniors whose work will be represented are Flo Boyles, Tom Brown, Donnah Holley, Charlene Keenan, Mike Koskie, Ronnie Lindsey, Kent Mummert, Georgie Omarkhai, Valerie Lynn Richmond, Ellen Stribley, Richard Michael Taylor, Debbie Touchstone, and Susan Wellington.



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# Ole Miss BSU Is Given Memorabilia Of Miss "M"

By Ron Boswell  
BSU Director, Ole Miss

Miss Marian Leavell's automobile parked in front of the Peabody Building was an easily accessible BSU office. No one had to knock or ring a bell to know whether the director was in. It wasn't too private nor commodious, but it was weatherproof and did have

heat in the wintertime — from bricks prewarmed by the stove in the Leavell residence.

At her passing in 1975 her former pastor, Wayne Coleman, said of her, "It is difficult to associate the word 'death' with Miss 'M' for she was so very much alive." Much of that "aliveness" can be seen in her students



Jesse P. Phillips, left, Oxford businessman, Frank Moak, center, Dean of Student Personnel at Ole Miss, and Alon Bee, senior communications major from Jackson look over the memorabilia of Miss Marian Leavell, long-time Baptist Student Union director at the University of Mississippi. Each of these men served as President of the Ole Miss BSU as well as state president. The terms of Moak and Phillips were during Miss "M"'s tenure at Ole Miss. Alon Bee is the current state BSU president.

## Staff Changes

Mrs. Edna W. Bruton has retired from the staff of Baptist Children's Village. She joined the staff on May 21, 1961, almost 17 years ago.

She served as a relief housemother, a housemother to 17 teen-aged girls, and finally as dietitian and manager of the kitchen and dining room on the Woodrow Wilson campus which served approximately 400 meals each day.

Mrs. Bruton left for a brief period to serve at the Mississippi School for the Blind. She returned on February 10, 1964, to houseparent service at The Village, and has served continuously during the past 14 years. She is moving to Richton.



Ronald Tullos, a native of Mississippi, who previously served as minister of music and youth in First Church of Pearl River, La., is now serving in that capacity in the Parkway Church of Tupelo. Ron and his wife have moved to Tupelo. R. E. Shirley is pastor.

Don Nerren has resigned Macedonia Church in Brookhaven to accept the pastorate of Parkway Church of Kosciusko. He will begin his service at Parkway on April 16. Nerren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Nerren of Tupelo. He is married to the former Linda Sue Cauthen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Cauthen of Collins.

Harold Vincent Olson, Jr., Fort Worth, Tex., has accepted the call to become pastor of Hillcrest Church, New Albany, effective April 1.

Olson was twice an all-pro offensive tackle playing with the Buffalo Bills and Denver Broncos.

He graduated from Southwestern Seminary in December, 1977, with Master of Divinity degree. While in seminary he served as resident manager at the Central YMCA.

Prior to entering Southwestern, Olson was Western Division Sales Manager for Textile Rubber and Chemical Company, in LaMirada, Calif. In eight years the company went from nothing to eight per cent saturation of the area market.

Olson was born in Asheville, N.C. He finished high school at Southwest DeKalb High School in Georgia. He was offered 33 scholarships and accepted one from Clemson University.

While at Clemson, he was chosen All-Conference, All-State and All-American (Time Magazine). He played in the Sugar Bowl, Blue Bonnet Bowl, Blue-Gray Game, All-American Game and Senior Bowl.

He was licensed and ordained by Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, Tex.

He is married to Wanda Crawford of Clemson, S.C. They have three children.

## Forrest Hospital Seminar Slanted Toward Ministers

The annual Forrest General Hospital Seminar for all the ministers of the area is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 4-8 p.m. at the hospital. The program is as follows:

- 4:00—Registration (Guides in the front lobby)
- 4:10—Introductions—C. B. Hamlet, Chaplain
- 4:20—"Pastoral Visitation of the Adolescent Patient" — Dr. Bennett Smith, M.D., Adolescent Medicine
- 5:05—Questions and Answers
- 5:20—Coffee Break
- 5:30—"The Pastor's Positive Influence in the Patient's Therapy" — Dr. Ben Carmichael, M.D., Cardiology
- 6:16—Questions and Answers
- 6:30—Evening Meal
- Lowery Woodall, Executive Director, Forrest General Hospital
- Dr. Charles Guice, M.D., General Surgery, President of Medical Staff, Forrest General Hospital

Those who plan to stay for the meal should notify the president of the ministerial association of which he is a member by Tuesday, April 11, or call C. B. Hamlet at 545-4027.

## Clear Creek WMU Members Model Fashions Of Last Ten Decades

Clear Creek Church, Lafayette County, began a week's emphasis on the Centennial of Mississippi WMU by presenting a style show spanning fashions of 100 years.

At the beginning of WMU Focus week, a ladies' ensemble sang at the



The Centennial of Woman's Missionary Union in Mississippi was celebrated recently by the women of Clear Creek Church. One of the activities was a style show spanning the fashions of 100 years. Members of the congregation who acted as models included (front row, left to right) Mrs. Rodney Steele, Lisa Carpenter, Angela McMillen, Mrs. Russell Lamb, Becky Briscoe, Mrs. Phillip Carpenter, and Mrs. Derald Oliphant; (back row, left to right) Mrs. Howard Waller, Mrs. Charles Waller, Mrs. Kenneth Hill, Mrs. Bill Briscoe, Cynthia Waller, and Hope Oliphant.

morning worship service, the song written for the Centennial year. The ensemble includes Mrs. Dwight Crowe, Mrs. Russell Lamb, Mrs. Bill Briscoe, Mrs. Sam Waller, and Mrs. Rodney Steele.

Mrs. Don Waller, Centennial chair-

man, gave a brief history of the WMU at Clear Creek since 1914. Pastor Ken McMillen brought a message on "The Tasks of Woman's Missionary Union." "Mission Friends, Girls in Action, and Acteens were on program Sunday evening. Then the Baptist Young Women and Baptist Women gave the style show with chronological commentary. Styles of each decade since 1878 were modeled.

An awards banquet on Wednesday evening completed the Missions Readathon begun a year ago. Mrs. O. C. Ross, WMU director, recognized those who had participated in the reading of missions books.

Cali, Colombia — International Baptist Theological Seminary has gone beyond the quarter-century mark and set aside a day to celebrate. With a faculty of five and a student body of three, the seminary launched into its inauguration year on March 3, 1953. On March 3, 1978, the seminary celebrated its 25th anniversary, boasting in the intervening years that 151 graduates have gone to work in 10 countries. Students have come from 14 different nations. Today the seminary has 68 students enrolled.

## Revival Dates

**West Jackson Church, Jackson:** youth revival: April 7-9; Bill Causey, Parkway Church, Jackson, evangelist; services 7:30 nightly; Frank Nelson, Jr., music director; Mrs. Charlotte McLendon, organist; Cheryl Crawford, pianist; Dewitt Mitchell, pastor, Sunday April 9, Youth Day, the young people will fill places of responsibility.)

**Rocky Point (Leake):** May 5-7; youth team from Clarke College will conduct the meeting; preacher and leader of the team is Ron Ferrington from Louisville; other team members are Kathy Black, soloist, Gary Brown, song director, and Cheryl Haynes, pianist.

**Calvary Church, Columbus:** April 9-14; services at 7:30 p.m.; Tommy Vinson, pastor of Oakland Church in Corinth, preacher; Bob Peebles, minister of music and youth at Calvary, singer; Jerry W. Stevens, pastor.

**New Prospect Church (Lincoln):** youth revival; April 9-14; 7:30 p.m.; Arty Parlin, Biblical youth minister, evangelist; Ted Rushing, pastor.

**Janice Church:** April 9-12; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with lunch served at the church; Mon.-Wed. at 7 p.m.; Jimmy King, pastor at Trinity Church, Wilmer, Ala., evangelist; Gary Sumrall, song leader; Mona Shattles, organist; Laura Myers, pianist; V. C. Windham, pastor.

**Liberty Church, Flowood:** April 7-9; services at 7 p.m.; Sammy McDonald of Providence Church, Pearl, preacher; Edward Rhinehart, Clarke College, music director; youth rally at Flowood Pavilion on Saturday at 2 p.m.

**First, Carthage:** youth revival; April 7-9; Landrum Leavell III, student, New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Philip Lang, student, Mississippi College, music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. services 7 p.m.; J. B. Miller, pastor.

**Georgia Governor's Wife To Welcome Ministers' Wives**

The SBC Minister's Wives annual luncheon will be held at the Omni International Hotel at noon on Tuesday, June 13. Mrs. George Busbee, wife of the governor of Georgia, will give the welcome, launching the program.

Advance reservations may be made until June 1 by sending a check for \$7.50 to: The Minister's Wives Conference SBC, c/o Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia 30306.

Reserved tickets may be picked up on Monday at the Omni booth.

**McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl:** youth revival: April 14, 15, 16; services at 7:30 p.m.; Lee and Betty Fisher, guest speakers; Curtis L. Williams, pastor. (Lee has been with Billy Graham for 24 years. He is composer, author, preacher, and world traveller. Betty has been widely used in teaching counselor training for crusades. She will present her puppet, Ned, and will sing and testify. Lee will preach, sing, compose, play the piano, organ, and accordion. Billy Graham has referred to these two as "disciples of joy.")

**First, Meridian:** April 9-16; Peter McLeod, pastor of First Church, Waco, Tex., and native of Scotland, evangelist; regular services on the Sundays: Mon.-Fri. at 7 p.m.; Alex Hopper, chalk artist and musician to present illuminated drawings; Sunday morning services to be televised on WOTK-TV: weekday evening services to be broadcast on radio station WMOX. (McLeod is a writer, as well as preacher. He is also creator of a radio talk show for young people which has been broadcast over a nationwide network.)

**Riverport, Greenville:** April 2-7; Robert Perry, pastor of First Church, Raleigh, preaching; M. E. Perry, pastor, directing the music; special music by the New Spirit Singers; services at 7:30 p.m.

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## NAMES IN THE NEWS

Bobby Walker of Jackson has moved to a new pastorate in Wilson, N. C., the Five Points Church.

He and his family have left a ministry at Sharon Church in Tyler, Tex. Walker's education includes a degree from Mississippi State University and Southwestern Seminary. He was a staff member of Parkway Church in Jackson as a minister of youth before becoming pastor in Tyler.

Bonnie Jean Ray, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary, died March 15 in Waycross, Ga. Miss Ray, 91, had been in declining health for several years. She served in China and Hawaii for 36 years before her retirement in 1954.



Landrum Leavell, right, president of New Orleans Seminary, poses with Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College during a recent visit to the MC campus. Leavell spoke to the student body during chapel exercises. (M.C. Photo)

Doug Broome of Terry has been elected President of the Clarke College Student Body. Serving with him as vice president for 1978-79 will be Robin Polk of Prentiss. Secretary will be Lissa Burnley of Macon. Broome is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Broome of Terry. He is serving as pastor of Kalem Mission, between Forest and Morton, an outreach of First Church, Forest.

EILEEN CHAPIN, ELOBET ALLEGRAHIA JONES, BY GENE COOPER

Hugh McGraw will be leading a Sacred Harp music singing at New Orleans Seminary April 28 and 29. McGraw, of Bremen, Ga., is considered by many music experts to be one of the foremost leaders in Sacred Harp music. Sacred Harp music is often called "Old Baptist Music." Friday's conferences include sessions at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. McGraw will be teaching participants how to sing the fa-so-la shaped note music. Sessions on Saturday will begin at 10 a.m. and run throughout the day. There will be Sacred Harp singing, with an old-fashioned dinner-on-the-grounds at noon. The Sacred Harp singing is free to the public, but participants are encouraged to bring something for the table. Information can be obtained by calling (504) 282-4455, Ext. 226.

E. V. and Frances May, missionary associates in the Caribbean, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1130 Magnolia St., Lockhart, Tex. 78644). He was born in Mississippi. Before they were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969, he was pastor of First Church, Shannon, Miss.

Dott Lott, missionary to Brazil, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa 35 74000 Goiania GO, Brazil). She is a native of Sumrall, Miss.

Mrs. Myrtle Landrum Spencer of Clinton died Thursday, March 30, in Jackson after a long illness. Services were held at Wright and Ferguson Chapel on March 31. Mrs. Spencer was the widow of Fred Spencer. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Clinton where she was active in Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Union. Two of three surviving sisters live in Clinton — Mrs. A. L. Goodrich and Mrs. R. L. Callahan. Other survivors include a daughter, two sons, one brother, and five grandchildren. In earlier years she taught in D'Lo and Braxton and did office work in Vicksburg, Jackson, and Clinton.

In this latest trip McCoy dedicated a new church building, funds for which were given by Antioch Church, Rankin County. He also took with him a \$100 contribution toward another permanent church building in South India.

G. A. McCoy in February cut the ribbon when a new Baptist church (top photo) was dedicated in India. McCoy, bottom left, is pastor of Union Church, Pearl River County. Funds for the new church were given by Antioch Church in Rankin County.

## Union Projects Stretch To India

Union Church, Pearl River County, recently sent its pastor, G. A. McCoy, for the second time in two years to India for an evangelistic crusade.

Going the first time with Harry Gibson, Rankin County, and the second time with Joe Small, Pearl River County, McCoy preached to approximately 14,000 persons, with 400 to 500 decisions each time he preached.

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"Bold Mission Thrust, the slogan, may be new," said McCoy, "but for Union Church at Caesar the meaning is not. Union Church has been bold in its mission thrust since its beginning 136 years ago when it sent out laymen and its own preachers into the surrounding wilderness areas to spread the Word of God."

In more recent times, Union assisted the Shifalo Memorial Church in Kiln, financially until that church was able to be independent.

Within the last few years, Union has helped advance pioneer work in Mon-

tana and Colorado.

At about the same time, the church initiated a community mission project oriented toward unchurched children.

This project resulted in the organization three years ago of a kindergarten which includes the Bible and church music as a vital part of its program.

In 1977 the Pearl River Baptist Association's Lay Witness Group ascertained the need for a mission church in Picayune Park, a relatively fast-growing community in the area. When Union was asked to sponsor such a mission, it agreed and borrowed the money to construct a 30' x 50' building, its own members doing the construction work. Parkview Chapel was dedicated in January of this year.

Union Baptist Church is a country church with over 700 members. Its mission giving through the Cooperative Program has increased over the years until today it gives 20% of its total income to that program. Last year the church was given a certificate for being among the top ten churches in Mississippi for per capita increase in giving through the Cooperative Program. In addition to this it gives 3½% to associational missions.

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The furor eventually resulted in a series of resolutions from various

## Devotional

### A Patch Won't Do

By Gowan Ellis, Noxapater  
Luke 5:32-39

How many of you have worn patched clothes? Most of us understand something about patching. I recall hearing one say that he was the best known boy in the community because people saw more of him than they did of others. You see he was one of several boys in the family and he had to wear patched clothes.

There is a possibility that Jesus had watched His mother patch torn clothes. Could it be that the family was poor and would not have had clothes for the new day unless some patch work was done? This parable deals with a home situation. Jesus takes the down-to-earth and teaches us an eternal lesson.

I. Each one agreed that humanity needed a chance.

A. The scribes and Pharisees admitted that man needed a change. The actions, the directions, and the destiny awaiting people caused them to admit such.

B. The followers of John the Baptist admitted that a change was needed.

C. Jesus told people that His purpose in life was to bring about the needed change. You and I agree today that man needs to be changed.

II. The disagreement came on how to bring about the needed change.

A. The scribes and Pharisees thought the change which was needed came about by one reforming, by one doing like others did, by traditions of man, by outward similarity. They prayed, fasted, kept the traditions, and thought everybody else who wanted to know God and live a good life would do the same. The patch-work which they did made one cold, critical, self-conscious, and self-sufficient.

B. Jesus said that a person needed to be changed from the inside.

Outward patching would not do the job. Life is more than a garment. One can patch up the outward, but until the change comes from within, a person will remain the same. The new could not be contained in old forms. Jesus came to write laws in men's hearts.

There is a sadness in this parable. Some are still depending on the old and will not accept God's offer . . . free gift of grace in His Son Jesus Christ.

There is joy in the parable, for some have placed faith in Jesus Christ and know that a patch won't do.

## University Board Takes No Action On Alley Resolutions

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The University of Richmond's board of trustees received an undisclosed number of resolutions related to a controversy surrounding Robert S. Alley, former chairman of the department of religion, during their March meeting.

The controversy erupted after a Dec. 6, 1977, speech to a group of atheists in Richmond in which Alley reportedly told the audience at First Unitarian Church, "Jesus never really claimed to be God or related to him." In the height of the furor, university president, Bruce Heilman, who apologized for Alley's comments, said Alley, a tenured professor and department head, had been transferred out of the department of religion, at Alley's request, to the chairmanship of the university's area studies program.

No word is available about what next step the trustees, who earlier reaffirmed the university's statement of purpose as a Christian institution, may or may not take. They meet next during university commencement exercises which take place May 14.

No statement has been issued as to the contents of communications with the board but it is a matter of public record that a faculty resolution requested the reinstatement of Alley. The resolution was based on support of academic freedom, not support of Alley's statements, reports indicate.

## Texas Baptists Plan Banquet For Cauthen

LUFKIN, Texas — Southern Baptists from across the country will converge on this East Texas community to honor Baker J. Cauthen, who for close to 50 years has devoted his energies to God through people, churches and foreign missions.

The title of his recently released biography, "Baker James Cauthen: A Man for all Nations," will serve as the theme for the Lufkin gathering which already has attracted ticket purchases from the same kind and the same level spiritually and morally.

It is significant that the woman was the completing step in God's preparation of man for his efforts to rule our creation. The home met the need of man. The home was an ideal of God's, and to abandon God's ideal is to abandon man's finest aid in the struggle of life aside from God himself.

The 1,400-seat Lufkin Civic Center has been reserved for the 7 p.m. event and will feature an address by Jimmy R. Allen, Southern Baptist Convention president. Others slated for the program include Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union, and Milton E. Cunningham Jr., president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and former Southern Baptist missionary to Africa, who will preside as master of ceremonies.

A multimedia presentation focusing on Cauthen's life — from childhood days in Texas to a leader among the Southern Baptists — will also be part of the Thursday night program, said McIlveene.

Tickets are still available at \$5 each, said McIlveene, and may be purchased through Lufkin's First Baptist Church, Box 1448, Lufkin, Texas 75901.

once again among the people preaching about the living Christ. The authorities were indeed troubled and perplexed!

Hearing that the apostles were teaching in the temple, the temple police went to arrest them again (verse 26). An indication of the popularity of the preachers is given in the statement that the authorities were afraid of the people.

III. The Dedication Of The Disciples (Verses 27-29).

The apostles were taken before the Sanhedrin and called to answer for their conduct (verses 27-28). The authorities referred to the charge given the preachers at the conclusion of their first appearance before the council (Acts 4:18). Notice that the high priest could not bring himself to refer to Christ by name. He said, "in this name," and "this man's blood" (verse 28).

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The influence of the apostles and members of the Jerusalem church is indicated in the statement, "You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching." This was an unintended compliment. The priest was actually stating an indictment and bringing a charge, but it was an unintended compliment about the apostles' effectiveness.

The answer given by Peter reveals the depth of their dedication to the task of proclaiming the gospel. He said, "We must obey God rather than men" (verse 29). This was a conviction held by the apostles which affirmed that loyalty to a God-given assignment took precedence over human authority.

Then the apostles used the occasion to declare the truth of the gospel, even placing the blame for the crucifixion on the heads of the council (verses 30-32).

Such dedication in service is worthy of the highest praise. Those men were ready to risk all for the gospel, and did so when they defied the council. Remember, these were the same men who plotted Christ's death and stoned Stephen. What a pity that in a situation that is far less hostile than theirs, the dedication of the average Christian to the work of witnessing today leaves much to be desired.

## Man In Relationship

By Bill Duncan, Long Beach, First  
Genesis 2:4b-25

The philosopher Schopenhauer was sitting in a park one day looking rather rumpled and somewhat like an ordinary tramp. A policeman approached him and asked gruffly, "Who are you?" Schopenhauer replied, "I wished to God I knew."

Answers to the question, "Who am I?" are numerous. Recent thinkers have swayed masses of people by their views of man. Darwin understood and explained man under biological categories. Nietzsche insisted that man is governed by impulse and instinct. Carl Marx equated the idea with the ideal of society. Freud saw man as essentially sex instinct. As a result, man has marched fearlessly backward to a worship of blood, power, and sex. The words responsibility and accountable are missing from human behavior according to the above concepts which recognize no Godward dimension.

### The Origin of Man

The noted American humorist, Will Rogers, observed, "God made man a little lower than the angels, and he has been getting a little lower ever since."

While the fact of man's creation is stated several times in the Genesis account, the method which God employed is not clearly given. According to Genesis 2:7 God made man, "And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Two stages in the creation are implied. The first refers to his body: "And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground." The body of man was fashioned from materials that were already in existence. The second stage in man's creation refers to his soul or spiritual nature: "And breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." This means more than life such as the lower animals had. To man, God imparted something of Himself.

The Bible affirms that people are special because they are related to God in a special way. The term image of God is the biblical and theological way of speaking of man's distinctiveness. The idea of image of God is a necessary one to relate man to God

and to define the distinctiveness of personhood.

E. Y. Mullins suggested eight aspects in which man is made in the image of God: "a rational nature, a moral nature, an emotional nature, possession of will, a free being, an inclination to righteousness, dominion over the lower creation, and immortality." These can be best summarized as personality, morality, and immortality.

The body and the soul are combined to make one personality. The Christian's body is called the temple of the Holy Spirit. The soul is more important, but the body is not to be abused.

### The Nature of Man

A young person described the paradox of man: "The thing that amazes me about human beings is the goodness of some pretty bad people and the surprising badness of some otherwise good people."

Man was made with the freedom to choose. He is free to choose or rise above his past. God placed man in a garden where there were two kinds of trees. The tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil were tests of God. The tree of life was representative of God's blessing and God's fellowship. The tree of knowledge of good and evil was a test of man's willingness

to obey. It symbolizes the human experience in its entirety — freedom, choice, wrong, sin and death.

Man as God created him was perfect in character, wholly without sin. God respected the dignity of the human personality. The choice of man to disobey God will be our next study.

### The Need of Man

God wanted to meet all of the needs of man. When man was lonely and needed a companion, God made a woman. The Bible calls woman a helpmeet, meaning a help corresponding to him. She is equal and adequate to man. Genesis 2 says that she is equal because she was developed

## Uniform Lesson

### The Church Meets Trouble

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Acts 5:17-29

preaching (Acts 4:18). The second arrest was the result of the apostles continuing their ministry with great effectiveness (refer Acts 5:12-16).

#### I. The Deliverance From Prison (Verses 17-21a).

The apostles were arrested and put in the common prison to await their trial before the council (verses 17-18). The Sadducees were responsible for the arrest. They did not believe in resurrection, and the apostles were preaching the resurrection of Christ (Acts 4:33). Furthermore, the apostles were active in ministry in the temple, the area where the Sadducees had authority.

No sooner were the apostles arrested and incarcerated than the Lord acted to release them (verse 19). The correct reading of the verse is that "an angel" was the means of their deliverance, not "the angel" (KJV).

Being set free, the apostles were told to return to the temple and resume the very activity which had prompted their arrest (verse 20). The apostles were faithful to the command and returned to the temple at daybreak (verse 21a). One cannot help but admit the courage of those men. They knew the temper and power of the au-

thorities yet they willingly risked their lives to make known the gospel of the Saviour.

#### II. The Dismay Of The Authorities (Verses 21b-26).

At the very time the apostles were resuming their teaching ministry in the temple, the high priest was calling the council into session to deal with the men (verse 21b). When the officers were sent to bring the prisoners before the council they found the prison in order but the prisoners inexplicably absent (verses 22-23). While the officials were seeking an explanation, the report was given that the prisoners were again in the temple, teaching the people (verses 24-25).

One can imagine the depth of dismay experienced by the authorities over those events. They thought they had finished with the Christ when He was put to death. However, His tomb was found empty and His followers were telling that He had risen from the dead. When these unlearned men were commanded to cease their teaching, they refused and even increased in their influence with the people. Then, when arrested and securely locked in a prison, the apostles seemed to have walked through the walls and were

one again among the people preaching about the living Christ. The authorities were indeed troubled and perplexed!

#### III. The Dedication Of The Disciples (Verses 27-29).

The apostles were taken before the Sanhedrin and called to answer for their conduct (verses 27-28). The authorities referred to the charge given the preachers at the conclusion of their first appearance before the council (Acts 4:18). Notice that the high priest could not bring himself to refer to Christ by name. He said, "in this name," and "this man's blood